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SUBJECT: HAITIAN APPLICANTS FOR ASYLUM

1. WE ARE CONSIDERING THE CASES OF 25 HAITIANS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED AFFIDAVITS TO REPLACE THE STATEMENTS GIVEN TO INS WHEN FIRST INTERVIEWED. THE SECOND AFFIDAVIT DIFFERS MARKEDLY FROM THE FIRST AND USUALLY CONSISTS OF LURID DETAILS OF ARRESTS, BEATINGS AND MISTREATMENT BY TONTON MACOUTE. WE ARE, OF COURSE, NOT IN A POSITION TO VERIFY THE STATEMENTS MADE. HOWEVER, IT APPEARS THAT THE SECOND AFFIDAVITS ARE THE RESULTS OF COACHING OR BRIEFINGS.

2. NEVERTHELESS, WE ARE IN THE UNCOMFORTABLE POSITION OF HAVING TO REJECT AN AFFIDAVIT ON THE BASIS OF JUDGMENT WITHOUT ANY SUPPORTING MATERIAL. HOWEVER, IN THE FOLLOWING CASES, INVOLVING PEOPLE FROM PORTAUPRINCE, THERE ARE GREAT VARIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO STATEMENTS.

(A) ETIENNE JOSEPH - BORN 1942, WIFE GERMAINE DEPRE,
RUE MAGLOIRE AMBROSE, 129 PORTAUPRINCE
ORIGINAL STATEMENT - UNEMPLOYED BRICKLAYER WITH
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SEVEN YEARS EDUCATION. SECOND AFFIDAVIT - TEACHER AT

SMALL PRIVATE SCHOOL - MATHIEU PRIVATE SCHOOL 242 IN
MATHIEU, HAITI. CAN WIFE CONFIRM PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT?

(B) LUBIN MONTROSE - BORN 1934, WIFE FRANCES BOCAILLE,
----- 732 AVE. BOLOSE, PORTAUPRINCE
IN FIRST STATEMENT SAID HE LEFT CAP HAITIAN BE-
CAUSE HE WAS UNDER SUSPICION FOR HAVING AN AFRO-
HAIRCUT. SECOND STATEMENT ASSERTS HE ESCAPED FROM
JAIL IN 1973 AND HE PURPORTS HIS ARREST DUE TO HIS
BROTHER'S ACTIVITIES.

(C) ANDRE PIERRE - 19 YEARS OLD, FATHER - LESORT PIERRE,
----- 54 RUE FLEURIBASSIER, PORT AU PRINCE
IN FIRST STATEMENT HE SAID HE CAME TO U.S. TO BET-
TER HIS LIFE. HE WAS A TAXI DRIVER. IN SECOND
STATEMENT HE SAID HE WAS A STUDENT ATTENDING COLLEGE
MODENE WHEN HE WAS ARRESTED IN 1973 FOR BEING A
MEMBER OF A POLITICAL GROUP DEDICATED TO THE OVER-
THROW OF THE GOVERNMENT. CAN EMPLOYMENT BE VERIFIED?

3. WE BELIEVE THAT IF WE CAN ASCERTAIN THE VALIDITY OF
A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF THE 25 CASES, WE WILL BE ON
MORE SOLID GROUND IN EXPRESSING OUR VIEWS TO INS ABOUT
THE VALIDITY OF THE REMAINDER OF THE CLAIMS.

4. WE RECOGNIZE THE PROBLEMS POSED TO THE EMBASSY AND
ALSO TO THE INDIVIDUAL CONCERNED IN REQUESTING INVESTIGA-
TION OF THE ABOVE CASES. CAN THIS BE DONE DISCREETLY
WITHOUT DANGER TO THE INDIVIDUAL CONCERNED? WE WOULD
APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS AND LEAVE TO EMBASSY'S
DISCRETION THE FEASIBILITY OF ATTEMPTING TO CONFIRM THE
ABOVE INFORMATION.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY NEW FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION
CONCERNING RETURNEES. NAMES AND PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES
WOULD BE USEFUL.

6. WE APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN THESE MAT-
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